



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held July 31, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Burke and Knabe:

“United Airlines has recently submitted a proposal to the United States Department of Transportation, which would provide daily, nonstop services from Los Angeles to Shanghai, China. This new venture offers numerous economic and cultural opportunities for Los Angeles County.

“In 2006, Los Angeles established record levels of trade with China. Over \$118 billion in goods between the United States and China were handled through the Los Angeles ports and the Los Angeles International Airport. Given that Shanghai is one of the top Chinese gateways for United States trade and the bulk of that trade moves through Los Angeles, United’s nonstop Los Angeles-Shanghai service would facilitate greater United States-China trade.

“Direct flight service would also improve cultural ties between Los Angeles and China. Los Angeles is home to half million Chinese descendants. Furthermore, an increasing number of Chinese have the means to travel abroad, and Los Angeles is one of the most popular tourist destinations; 30% of Chinese nationals choose to visit the Los Angeles area.

“A daily Los Angeles-Shanghai flight by United Airlines would also have a tremendous impact on the local economy. This new service is expected to contribute \$156 million in wages; 3,120 direct and indirect jobs mostly in the high-wage manufacturing area; estimated 4,070 incremental annual tons of air cargo imports; and 2,263 annual tons of air cargo exports.

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“These aforementioned factors make Los Angeles the ideal choice for nonstop United States carrier service to Shanghai.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the United States Department of Transportation urging them to accept the United Airlines' proposal.

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Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel

Letter sent to:

Secretary, United States
Department of Transportation